

# WIC Futures Study Group

March 19, 2008  
MACO Building, Downstairs Conference Room  
2715 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT

## AGENDA

Project Purpose: To evaluate and revise the WIC service delivery system to provide effective, efficient, and high quality services to the greatest number of participants possible.

Desired Outcomes of this meeting:

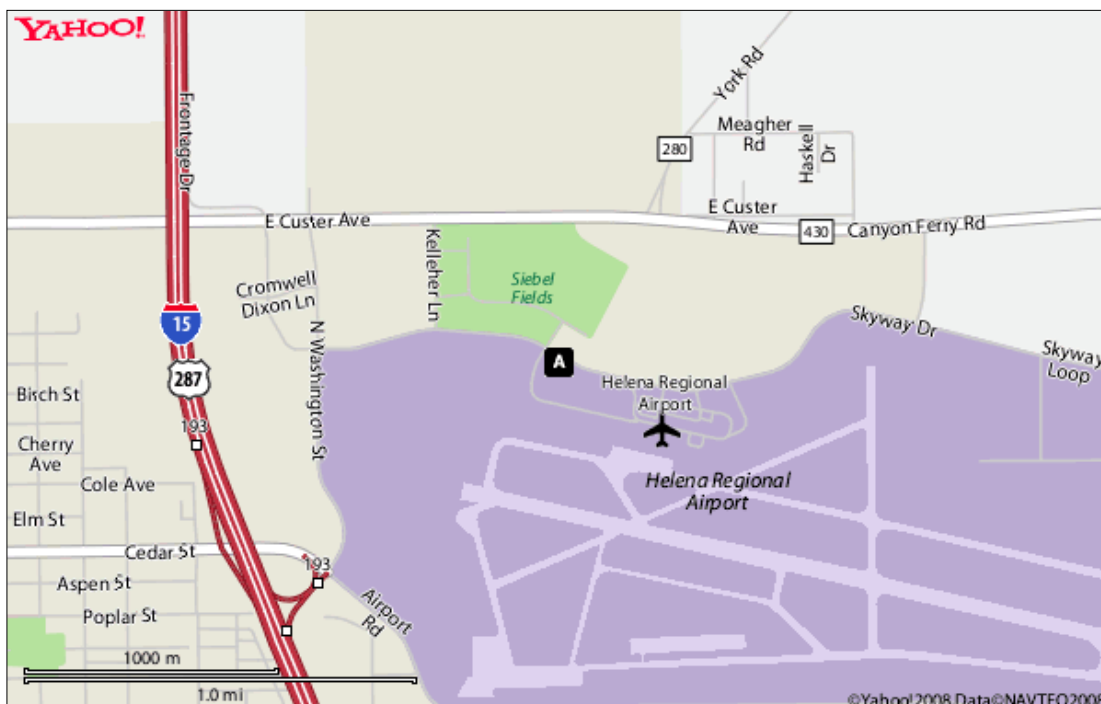
By the end of this session –

- Participants will hear from the WIC Regional Office representative and receive answers to their questions;
- Federal mandates/areas where the state may interpret directives and develop approaches will be clarified;
- The group will have a clear understanding of the State WIC budget;
- Data from the state epidemiologist will be reviewed;
- An understanding of examples of current county support to the WIC program will be gained; and
- An agenda for the next meeting will be developed.

Decision-making method: Consensus with minority report

What	How	Who	Time
Opening Comments	Present	Joan Bowsher, DPHHS WIC Director	10:00 a.m.
Introductions	Round Robin	Facilitator/Group	10:05
Review of the Agenda	Present/Discuss/Agree	Facilitator/Group	10:15
Perspectives from the Regional WIC Office	Present/Discuss/ Q and A	Jean Liekhus, Program Director USDA Food Nutrition Service Mountain Plains Region WIC	10:30
What Federal Regulations and/or Standards Can Be Left to State Interpretation?	Present/Discuss/ Q and A	Jean Liekhus, Regional Program Director Joan Bowsher, Montana WIC Director	11:45
LUNCH (provided)	LUNCH	LUNCH	12:30 noon

Montana WIC Program Budget	Presentation/Q and A	Dale McBride, Joyce Taranik, DPHHS	1:00 p.m.
WIC in Montana – Notes from the Epidemiologist	Presentations/Q and A	Diana Frick, Epidemiologist, Family and Community Health Bureau, DPHHS	2:30
Local Support Provided to WIC	Panel Presentations	Ellen Leahy, Missoula County Lora Weir, Teton County Riki Handstede, Hill County	3:00
Report on State query: “What are the five biggest time-takers in WIC service delivery?”	Present/Discuss	Joan Bowsher, Montana WIC Director	3:30
Agenda for Next Meeting	Discuss/Decide	Facilitator/Group	3:45
Public Comment	Request	Facilitator	4:15
Wrap Up/Evaluation	Plus/Delta	Facilitator/Group	4:30
Adjourn	Declare	Group	5:00 p.m.



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